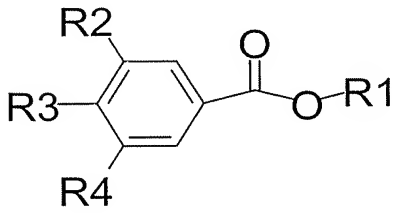
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a glycoside represented by formula (3):



(3)

wherein:

R1 represents a C_1-C_{10} straight or branched alkyl;

any one of R2, R3 and R4 represents a hydroxyl;

each of the remaining two of R2, R3, and R4 represent a residue formed by reacting glucose pentaacetate with a hydroxyl group of an alkyl gallate; and

the method comprises the step of:

reacting an alkyl gallate having a C_1-C_{10} straight or branched alkyl with glucose pentaacetate in the presence of an organic solvent and an acid catalyst at 30°C to 60°C~~30°C~~ while removing from the reaction system organic solvent and acetic acid formed during the reaction, thereby maintaining the concentration of the acetic acid in the reaction system at 1.0 percent by weight or less during the reaction.

2-20. (Canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) The method for preparing a glycoside according to Claim1, wherein the organic solvent is xylene.

22. (Previously Presented) The method for preparing a glycoside according to Claim 21, wherein the acid catalyst is a Lewis acid catalyst.

23. (Previously Presented) The method for preparing a glycoside according to Claim 21, wherein the acid catalyst is boron trifluoride.

24-27. (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method for preparing a glycoside according to Claim 1, wherein in step (b) the organic solvent and the acetic acid are removed from the reaction system by distillation at a rate of 10 to 1000 g/hr relative to one mol of the alkyl gallate.